**Duke** Regional Hospital

Unit 63 Epidural Tips

* Q2 hours for 24 hours after initiation, increase in dose or bolus, change in solution, or reportable condition, then Q4 hours
  + Pain score, scale, and pt satisfaction
  + RASS
  + Respiratory Rate
  + Quality of Respirations
  + O2 Sat
* Q shift
  + Epidural site
  + Bromage Scale, motor function
  + Local anesthetic toxicity
  + Adverse Effects: N/V, itching
  + Nausea/vomiting
  + Pruritus
* Q4 hours
  + Clear pump
* Reassess RASS, pain assessment and respiratory rate within 1 hour of bolus

When to Call Anesthesia

* Oversedation  (RASS <-1) and/or mental status changes
* Respiratory depression (RR<10, hypercarbia)
* Catheter concerns: tubing disconnect/break, dislodgement
* New or worsening medication/epidural side effects
* Motor blockade/weakness